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Attorney Docket No.: 61352-044  
**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Katsuji HATTORI, et al. : Customer No. 20277  
Serial No.: 10/699,705 : Confirmation No.: 9074  
Filed: November 4, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2871  
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY WITH METHOD : Examiner: ANDREW M. SCHECHTER  
FOR OCB SPLAY-BEND TRANSITION

**ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 26, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

**Group I** - Claims 17-28, drawn to an LCD or method of manufacturing an LCD comprising using two liquid crystal domains (or regions) having different pre-tilt angles, and forming a disclination line between the two to aid a transition into bend alignment;

**Group II** - Claims 39-48, drawn to an LCD having a structure which concentrates an electric field, via varying liquid crystal layer thickness, an aperture, or some other means; and

**Group III** - Claims 49-54, drawn to a method for driving an LCD defining particular splay elastic coefficients, pretilt angles, and/or ratios of main and secondary electric fields.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group II - claims 39-48 for initial prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 17-28 and 49-54 without prejudice.

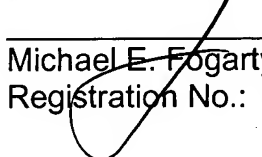
Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 17-28 and 49-54, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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